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Subject: Fwd: Animas River Recovery and Presidential Candidate Coming to Durango

FYI. Sarah is one of the local leads from the county. She was the one wearing purple cowboy boots yesterday. I'll make sure you get on her distribution list.

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Subject: FW: Animas River Recovery and Presidential Candidate Coming to Durango

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Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:56 AM

To: Sarah Jacobson

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BID Constituents:

We have three things for you to know this Monday morning, two items related to the Animas River recovery and one about a presidential candidate coming to town tomorrow.

Local Recovery Center for Businesses, Employees & Affected Landowners in Response to the Gold King Mine Release Impacts

La Plata County, with the assistance of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA), and with the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies, will open a Recovery Center in Durango on Tuesday, August 18 and Wednesday, August 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the east end of the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, Main Avenue, Durango Colorado.

Staff from local, state and federal agencies noted below will be available to answer questions regarding financial and/or technical assistance related to the Animas River - Gold King Mine release. If you believe that you have suffered an economic loss related to the event, or if you have questions related to water quality, crops or livestock, individuals will be on hand to offer information and/or assistance.

Services will be directed toward La Plata County businesses, employees and landowners who have been affected by the Gold King Mine release.

Services/Resources will include:

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Commerce (for questions and resources regarding impacts on businesses)
You Tube Channel

Colorado State University Extension Service (for information concerning

made via the Community Foundation web site, www.swcommunityfoundation.org.

To determine distribution of funds, the BID and the Community Foundation have convened a grant committee, which includes representatives from United Way, City of Durango, La Plata County Economic Development Alliance, DATO, La Plata Electric Association and the river rafting industry.

Those individuals impacted by the river contamination/closure who need assistance are asked to fill out a simple, one-page application, which will be available online by Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Community Foundation and the BID web sites (www.swcommunityfoundation.org and www.downtowndurango.org), or at the BID office, 850 ½ Main Ave. Suite 2. Completed applications should be submitted to the BID.

BID staff will verify employment of applicants at the various river rafting companies and pass the application on to the committee for needs evaluations. Impacted employees will be eligible for gift cards to help cover immediate necessities.

This protocol is designed to assist with short term needs. The BID recognizes that as the days and weeks pass, larger issues will become evident. These will be addressed at that time. The emergency relief fund is not, however, designed to be a long-term social services agency. The Colorado Workforce Center, La Plata County and the Community Foundation can assist or direct those impacted by the river contamination to additional resources.

"This is what our community does - we come together to support our own in times of crisis," said Walsworth. "This is why we live in Durango."

For further information, contact the Business Improvement District at 970.375.5067, or the Community Foundation at 970.375.5807.

Presidential Candidate to Visit Durango TOMORROW

Republican Presidential candidate and neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson will be in Durango on Tuesday afternoon, August 18, and is scheduled to speak at 2 p.m. in Rotary Park (behind the VFW).

The public is invited.

Dr. Carson, originally from Detroit, is currently running 2nd in the Fox post-debate polls.

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